# FAMILIES Play•Grow•Learn TOGETHER

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# A Family Place Library

A Family Place Library is a center for early childhood information, parent education, emergent literacy, socialization, and family support.

Family Place builds on the knowledge that good health, parent involvement, and supportive communities play a critical role in young children's early development.

Features of a Family Place Library include:

- Developmentally appropriate programming for young children and their families
- A specially designed space for young children and their families to play and learn together
- A collection of books, toys, and other materials for babies, toddlers, and parents
- Play, Learn, & Grow sessions for parents and children ages 12-36 months

# Our Family Play Place

Children discover and practice new skills through purposeful play, and toys are their tools. The Family Play Place at MPPL is a safe, fun environment where you and your young child age 4 or younger can read,

play, and learn.

This specially designed space features materials for children and parents, including board books, picture books, toys, puzzles, blocks and drawing stations, all creating opportunities for little ones to explore.

As your child's first and most important teacher, these activities will help you build your child's early literacy skills.



#### **Activities & Resources for Families**

#### STORY TIME

Tuesdays at 11 September thru May

Join Ms. Natalie for books and stories chosen especially for preschoolers. Sessions include music, songs, games, simple crafts, and more.

## **PLAY DATES**

Meet us at the library for a play date! Activities include sensory play, loose parts, and more.
Watch calendar for dates and times.



#### SUMMER PROGRAMS

June- July

Come in out of the heat. You'll find programs for kids of all ages and their families. Read to earn freebies from local businesses and enter prize drawings

## DIY TOY WORKSHOP

Toys and games can be expensive. Learn to make simple toys and games using materials and supplies that you have on hand or can get for free or at low cost. Workshop is for parents only! Watch calendar for dates and times.

## **BOOK NEIGHBORHOODS**

Finding the book your child wants just became easier with our new shelving arrangement. Books are now grouped in clearly labeled neighborhoods, or subject areas.

# PLAY, LEARN, & GROW

Play, learn and grow with your toddler (12-36 months) in an informal setting with other parents and toddlers.

Session topics include early literacy; speech, hearing and development; child development; nutrition; and music, play and movement.

Someone who knows about each topic will be on hand to answer questions.

A series of 5 sessions are held each spring. Registration is required and is for the entire series. Younger or older siblings, less than 5 years old, may attend with the registered child and parent.

## AWE COMPUTERS

Early literacy stations designed for 2-8 year olds offer a multitude of learning games and two pairs of headphones so that parents can play along.



## PARENTING COLLECTION

The parenting collection, conveniently located in the children's area, covers every aspect of child rearing and parenting. Resources include books, DVDs, magazines and newsletters, brochures and more.

# **DISCOVERY PACKS (Coming soon)**

Thematic sets of books and related literacy activities on a variety of subjects such as a new sibling, a hospital stay, visiting the dentist, and more.